

Claims

I claim:

1. A earring for a pierced ear comprising:
  - 5 (a) a shaft, said shaft being mounted on a base;
  - (b) a connector having a cavity with means for engaging said shaft and an adapter on the obverse; and
  - (c) a cap having a means for affixing to said adapter on one side and a decorative aspect of the earring
- 10 attached on the obverse.
2. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said shaft comprises or is made of a hypoallergenic material.
3. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said shaft is threaded and wherein said means for engaging said shaft
- 15 is threaded in said cavity able to receive said threaded shaft.
4. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said shaft is grooved and wherein said means for engaging said shaft are depressions in said cavity that interlock with said
- 20 grooved shaft.
5. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said base is magnetically charged and said connector is magnetically charged, said base and connector having opposite magnetic charges.
- 25 6. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said connector cavity comprises a releasable adhesive to releasably adhere to said shaft.
7. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said means for affixing to said adapter is a clasping device.
- 30 8. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said adapter is a nipple and said means for affixing said cap to said adapter is a cavity in said cap comprising a flexible

component capable of expanding to receive said nipple and retracting to grasp said nipple when said nipple and said cavity are pressed together.

5 9. The earring according to claim 1 wherein said means for engaging comprises a pin having a flat head extending perpendicularly from the obverse side of said connector; and said cap having a keyhole-shaped slot capable of receiving said pin head.

10 10. A method of wearing an earring for a pierced ear comprising a shaft, said shaft having a base; a connector having a cavity with means for engaging said shaft and an adapter on the obverse; and a cap having a means for affixing said adapter on one side and a decorative aspect of the earring attached on the obverse comprising the  
15 step of:

(a) inserting said shaft through a pierced ear having a front and a back wherein said base is flush against said back of said ear and said shaft protrudes from said front of said ear;

20 (b) affixing said connector onto said shaft by inserting said shaft into said cavity wherein said adapter is positioned away from said front of said ear; and

25 (c) affixing said cap to said adapter such that said decorative aspect is positioned away from said front of said ear.

30 11. A kit comprising a plurality of shafts of different lengths, at least two connectors for engaging said plurality of shafts, each having an adapter, and a plurality of caps for affixing to said connectors having a decorative aspect on the obverse.